

WASHINGTON, DC - Tuesday, the House Livable Communities Task Force and Senate Smart Growth Task Force will visit an exhibit that displays the complex relationship between transportation, land-use and community. This is an important and timely topic in light of the upcoming TEA-21 reauthorization. We will hear from key Members of Congress involved in the transportation debate and from outside organizations sponsoring the event. Members of the press are invited to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Who: Livable Communities Task Force And Senate Smart Growth Task Force Members & Staff.

What: Tour of the National Building Museum's Exhibit, "On Track: Transit and the American City."

Where: National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, Washington, DC (Judiciary Square Metro Station).

When: Tuesday, April 30th, 2002, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Note: Breakfast will be served at the event and transportation to Capitol Hill at 10:00 a.m. will be provided.

Speakers include:

- Senator James Jeffords, Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee and Senate Smart Growth Task Force
- Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Chair of the Livable Communities Task Force and Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Event Sponsors: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, American Planning Association, American Public Transportation Association, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, National Association of Regional Councils, National Building Museum, New Starts Working Group, Smart Growth America, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

***Congressman Blumenauer founded the Livable Communities Task Force in the 105th Congress to educate Members of Congress and their staff on the federal role in enhancing community livability. A livable community is a place where people feel safe, have opportunities for economic advancement, have access to a range of transportation options, have a say in the future plans for their community, can breathe the air and drink the water and can afford to live. The Livable Communities Task Force meets regularly and has held briefings on issues such as "Housing America's Working Families," "The Opportunities for Rail in a Livable Community" and "Smart Growth at the Ballot Box."